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1. ROMANIAN FIRST SECRETARY MITRAN IN CALL ON SHIRLEY APRIL 30 INFORMED THAT PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU INTERESTED BRIEFING SMALL NUMBER MAJOR AMERICAN JOURNALISTS THIS SUMMER BOTH ON EXTENSIVE BACKGROUND BASIS AND IN INDIVIDUAL ON-THE-RECORD INTERVIEWS SUGGESTING "THE PRESIDENT HAS SOMETHING TO SAY TO THEM." MITRAN STRESSED EXPLORATORY NATURE OF OUR DISCUSSION AND REALIZED IMPORTANCE AVOIDING APPEARANCES ORGANIZING TRADITIONAL PRESS JUNKET.

2. WE SUGGESTED INVITING SMALL NUMBER OF JOURNALISTS TO BUCHAREST FOLLOWING MOSCOW SUMMIT MEETING AS ONE POSSIBILITY. SIMILAR INVITATION AT TERMINATION CSCE TALKS MIGHT BE ANOTHER.

3. WE AGREED TO MEET AGAIN INFORMALLY IN LATE MAY WHEN LIST OF JOURNALISTS GOING TO MOSCOW MIGHT BE AVAILABLE. IN ADDITION TO MAJOR AMERICAN DAILIES AND SOME WEEKLIES, WE ALSO SUGGESTED MITRAN CONTACT AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL TV NETWORK ABOUT HOUR-LONG PROFILE ON ROMANIA TODAY, TO WHICH HE RESPONDED FAVORABLY. WILL ADVISE. RUSH

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